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Note

Tag end of the season, seeming to come sooner than should be expected, this gives a chance for a backward glance at the issues reporting the books you'll be presenting this Fall. Check your Calendars for August 15th and September 15th. Here are quick refreshers for you and your staff, so that the books being released can have the chance they deserve....This issue contains nothing that rates MUST classification. And names such as Paul Gallico and William Sansom set their own markets.

PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS- Fiction

October ?? 12/??

Jernigan, Muriel M. Crown

PRECIOUS PERSON Forbidden City $3.50

A brightly colored brocade of 19th century China has its slim basis in the story of its Empress Dowager, while the author's many years there and knowledge of its Forbidden City sharpens the spectacle of court ceremonial and obeisance and tabu. This is the story of Nala, defiant and determined as a girl, and only occasionally acceding to Jung Lu- to whom she had been affianced as a child. Chosen, reluctantly, as an Imperial concubine, her love for Jung Lu could not stay her destiny and she was to bear the Emperor's first son- while hoping it would be Jung Lu's. The Emperor's death, and some highhanded, underhanded manoeuvering enabled her to secure the Regency and she allowed no one, not even Jung Lu, to chasten her whim of iron. The growing dissension within the country, and disaffection of the people, the army, found her reluctant to yield, led to her forced flight from Peking, but at the close it is as a woman- not an Empress- that she exacts her retribution from Jung Lu. History- with the gloss of romance and elegance for a popular audience. (LC: 54-12072)

November 4

Gallico, Paul Doubleday

LOVE OF SEVEN DOLLS $2.50

The original story on which *Lili* was based now published in book form for the first time. It adds another wistful, slim volume to the special shelf of this writer, who has perfected the techniques of playing the emotional stops. Paris and the rural byways of France form the setting for the story of "Mouche", a 22-year old orphan, adrift and jobless in a Paris spring. Movie goers will have seen the screen version of her rescue by a troupe of puppets, of her strange adventure in the land of half truth, grim and unpalatable, and half makebelieve. The show, with a naive girl and effectively operated puppets who seem truly to have their independent beings, becomes a rural sensation. But the puppeteer keeps out of public view - and in his private life seems cruel, malicious, hard and cynical. It is only when Mouche - at the end of the season- promises to marry a trapeze artist in the show, that he finds a way to make her see that he is the composite of all the puppet characters she has come to love. (LC: 54-11157)

November ~~5~~ 1/31

Garside, E. B. Appleton-Century-Crofts

WHIRLIGIG $3.75

Judy Scaife was headed for a complex life from birth. Her father was a wastrel and a scoundrel; her mother mattered very little in her life; and the men who loved her and lusted for her were many- and each of them took from Judy more than they gave. Judy had staunch friends:- Doc Buckle, who brought her into the world, and who gave her a job to help steady things for her; Trillium, Spanish Quaker, and a shadowy sort of figure throughout Judy's story. But Judy didn't quite fit into the Massachusetts seaside town- "50 miles from Providence, 50 miles from Boston" - and she knew it, though she always hoped. Somehow, instead of things coming out right for her, something always went wrong. Sometimes it was Judy's impetuous giving of herself. Sometimes her drunken father made a fool of himself. Sometimes fate took a hand, as when Costigan, the one of her men who meant most in her life, fell in the Pacific War. At the end, Judy goes to California with Johnny Palmer, ex-flier - another long gamble with life. A strange, twisted sort of story- not at all "a simple book for simple people" as publicized. Unpleasant, sordid, lusty, the life and loves of Judy Scaife. (LC: 54-12028)

Announcing for November 11

Wylie, Philip Rinehart

THE BEST OF CRUNCH AND DES $3.75

The catch here, 21 stories, runs to close to five hundred pages and has been pulled from four previous collections- *The Big Ones Get Away, Salt Water Daffy, Fish and Tin Fish,* and *Crunch and Des.* And those old cronies, who have had more than one kind of fish to fry by the end of each outing, also have a longstanding masculine market at the end of their lines. (LC: 54-9124)

November 15

Winkler, Susan D. Avalon

A TIME FOR LOVE $2.50

A nice love runs some nasty interference in a New York City setting as young Cathy Peyton goes after Austin, the man she has chosen. Connecticut parents keep an over-watchful eye, worried that Cathy's behavior and reputation will spoil her father's big promotion chance. Fellow boarders with unclean escutcheons also cast gimlet glances as Cathy and Austin's courtship proceeds. After much suspicion and refusal to meet Austin, the Peytons accept him sight unseen as Austin's employer testifies to his quality. The theme of respectability as admission price to a weary business world versus the individual choice on other lines is dandled along with the love interest. Pleasant pastime.

Worley, Dorothy Avalon

DR. KILBOURNE COMES HOME $2.50

Randy Kilbourne postpones his return home- to Ann and also to help his Uncle, when a chance to work as assistant to a prominent surgeon offers a valuable opportunity. But it also exposes him to Dorinda, Dr. Gray's only and demanding daughter, who almost destroys his future with Ann to assure her own.... Home pharmaceutical for that permanent patient.

November ~~27~~ 8

Frieberger, Kurt — Appleton-Century-Crofts

FISHER OF MEN — $3.95

A Novel of Simon Peter - so runs the sub title of this panoramic novel covering the Roman world and paralleling the period of the Gospel story, the *Acts* and the *Epistles*. It would take close familiarity with the latter to identify sources of some of the material, but for many readers this dramatic story of the simple fisherman who became Christ's chosen "rock"-on which would be built his church, will take them back to rereading the New Testament. Oddly enough, the first third of the text, which parallels the Gospels, conveys a sense of complexity, almost of confusion, as the author traces the wanderings to and fro over Palestine, injecting familiar incidents, telescoping some of the miracles, locating events with a kind of finality that raises questions of fact. But the main body of the story, following Peter's mission over the then known Roman world of Claudius and Nero has body and substance and reality that the first- and more familiar part- lacks. Peter emerges as a tower of strength, firm in his faith, only too well aware of the temptations to which he feels himself prone. The jealousies and squabbling among the inheritors of the Word, the straying from the path laid down, the difficulties of interpretation, the heresies - all come out in a telling picture of a degenerating Rome fighting the growing strength of the Christian message. (LC: 54-12137)

Two- On Verge of Publication

Sansom, William — Harcourt, Brace

SOMETHING TERRIBLE, SOMETHING LOVELY — $3.50

A collection of short stories has a highly distilled sense of menace, if none of the wanton malice of *A Bed of Roses*, exercises its slow fascination of imminent disaster whether from natural causes or phantom vagaries. In the title story, two school children experience all the "terrible lovely" excitement of a teasing tattle-tale scrawled on a wall. A boy is taunted to undertake an uneasy climb up a high ladder and impaled there. A man's *Little Fears* are traced back to his childhood but never put to rest. A strangler finds a temporary sanctuary with a victim- but not from himself. Sister Margherita's final discipline is an impassive death as she is walled up in *The Little Room*. The ordeal of an eye examination brings with it the refraction of bright illusions.... All these, and others, proceed from and sharpen the expectancy of horror which is deliberately conceived and almost always expertly concluded. For an audience, try that of Roald Dahl or John Collier. (LC: 54-9721)

Tracy, Don — Dial

ROANOKE RENEGADE — $3.50

An ingenious bit of historical embroidery, and good reading for those who like swashbuckling tales of Elizabethan days. Tracy has researched the slim records of the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island, and come up with a plausible enough tale of Dion Harvie, youthful courtier of Elizabeth's London, who was virtually outlawed for wounding one of the Queen's favorites. Raleigh smuggled him aboard a ship of his own, bound for the Virginia shores, and Dion spent the following years shuttling back and forth, hiding out in London (a prison made bearable by a lovely mysterious woman, a harlot, who sacrificed everything for him), working his passage on successive ships, making friends and enemies, and putting down deep roots in the New World, where his love for an Indian girl taught him to know the Indians as people, honorable beyond his own countrymen. In the end, circumstances forced him to chose to be Indian- and Tracy has used the climax as a fresh clue to the Lost Colony. A lusty, sometimes a bawdy story, with full complement of the trappings of personages and customs of the times, thin characterization but lively story spinning. (LC: 54-10534)

November 8

Merril, Judith- *Ed.* Random House
BEYOND THE BARRIERS OF SPACE AND TIME $2.95

* A collection of short stories pursues a literate offbeat and explores many areas of projection and conjecture. And so, in John Wyndham's collective hallucination, J. C. Furnas' laocoon complex, Agatha Christie's trance medium, Isaac Asimov's levitation, Anthony Boucher's ghost, John Collier's psychiatric consultation, along with many other incidents of precognition, telepathy, strange powers and phenomena you will find much to fascinate and the old-new world of "psience fiction" has a convincing, compelling demonstration. (LC: 54-10743)

November 15

Brock, Stuart Avalon
DOUBLE CROSS RANCH $2.50

Rick Marlin, his ranch razed and a price on his head for a killing which had been in self-defense, goes to the assistance of his former partner, Miles Owens, misjudged and mistrusted in the territory where he has settled. Hired to gunhand for a neighboring widow, Rick is able to identify his enemy- and Miles'-, and the dust settles along with several old scores.... Actions speaking much louder than words here.

November 23

Western Writers of America Macmillan
HOLSTERS AND HEROES $2.95

A round-up of choice shorts, from magazine appearance by the members of this organization, provides a true as well as fictional portrait of the West, not only its violence- but also its tremendous energy and enduring heroism. Noel Loomis contributes the preface to the stories which deal with the old West as well as the new, with cow country, with "law and order" operators. Bill Gulick, Nelson Nye, Steve Frazee, Frank Bonham, and Wayne D. Overholser are among the more familiar contributors who assure the entertainment value of fighting words and deeds.

December ~~22~~ 10

White, Lionel Dutton
TO FIND A KILLER $2.75

Lt. Ferris, of NYC Homicide, investigating the murder of a night club singer, makes use of the suspects to further his plans for killing Fern, his wife whom he no longer trusts. Framing his wanted male operatives and making use of biological stratagems with the females, he runs the two assignments along parallel lines, and in trying to save Fern when he learns his doubts have been unfounded, kills her instead of his accomplice. For the brutal-violent audience. (LC: 54-10916)

Masur, Harold Q. Simon & Schuster
THE BIG MONEY $2.50

Lawyer Scott Jordan again (co)operating with the police when the defense of a client, a professor diddled by an investment broker, brings him in on the murders of that broker's girl- whom he planned to marry- and his wife whom he had not yet divorced. Some not so petty cash, $120,000, figures largely in what goes on and out here.... Form fitting, bright and a little brash.

BANTAM BOOKS ($.25)

Corle, Edwin- BILLY THE KID
Fox, Paul- SAILOR TOWN
Gingrich, Arnold- *Ed.* THE BEST FROM THE BEDSIDE ESQUIRE
Gordons, The- CASE FILE: F.B.I.
Richter, Conrad- THE LIGHT IN THE FOREST
Viertel, Peter- WHITE HUNTER, BLACK HEART
Vonnegut, Kurt, Jr.- UTOPIA 14

DELL PUBLISHING (Each $.25)

Bingham, John- MY NAME IS MICHAEL SIBLEY
Eberhart, Mignon G.- THE UNKNOWN QUANTITY
Elston, Allan V.- ROUND-UP ON THE PICKET WIRE
Fair, A.A.- SOME WOMEN WONT WAIT
Rinehart, Mary Roberts- HAUNTED LADY
Wellard, James- DEEP IS THE NIGHT

Each $.35

Kent, Simon- THE DOCTOR ON BEAN STREET
Van Loon, Hendrik- THE STORY OF AMERICA

First Editions- Soft Covers (Each $.25)

Kyle, Robert- THE GOLDEN URGE
McCauley, L. & E.- *Eds.*- BOOK OF PRAYERS
Savage, Les, Jr.- LAST OF THE BREED
Yates, Bill- *Ed.*- TOO FUNNY FOR WORDS

GARDEN CITY for November

Harry N. Abrams, Inc.

Library of Great Painters- Grohman, Will- PAUL KLEE ($12.50)

Portfolio Editions-BREUGHEL ($1.50)

Hanover House

Denhof, William C.- DENHOF'S ENCYCLOPEDIC WORLD-WIDE STAMP ALBUM ($8.95)
Harrison & Armstrong- A NEW APPROACH TO STAMP COLLECTION ($3.50)
Jacoby, Oswald- JACOBY'S CONTRACT BRIDGE COMPLETE ($3.50)

Phaidon Publishers, Inc.

Kramrisch, Stella- THE ART OF INDIA (Pre-publication, $7.50; Post-publication $8.50)

MORROW-BARROWS

Jenkins, Dorothy H. & Wilson, Helen Van Pelt- HOUSE PLANTS FOR EVERY WINDOW ($2.95) (Formerly ENJOY YOUR HOUSE PLANTS)

NEW AMERICAN LIBRARY

Mentor (Each $.50)

Committee on College Reading- GOOD READING
Ellis, Havelock- PSYCHOLOGY OF SEX

Signet (Each $.25)

Caldwell, Erskine- WE ARE THE LIVING
Engstrand, Stuart- THE SCATTERED SEED
Farrell, James T.- THIS MAN AND THIS WOMAN
Heinlein, Robert A.- ASSIGNMENT IN ETERNITY

Signet Giant ($.35) Cela, Camilo Jose- THE HIVE
Signet Key ($.35) Leonard, Jonathan Norton- FLIGHT INTO SPACE
Signet Double Volume ($.50) Creekmore, Hubert- THE CHAIN IN THE HEART

POCKET BOOKS (Each $.25)

Field, Peter- LAW BADGE
Fowler, Helen- THE INTRUDER
Gardner, Erle Stanley- THE CASE OF THE NEGLIGENT NYMPH
Haycox, Ernest- OUTLAW
Mason, F. van Wyck- THE BARBARIANS
Queen, Ellery- THE ADVENTURERS OF ELLERY QUEEN

Cardinal Editions ($.35)

Payne, Robert- THE CHIEFTAIN
POCKETBOOK MAGAZINE
Southworth, John V.D.- THE STORY OF THE WORLD
Stern, Philip V.D.- *Ed.* - GREAT TALES OF FANTASY AND IMAGINATION

Giant Cardinal ($.50)

Selinko, Annemarie - DESIREE

Permabooks

Coleman, Lonnie- ESCAPE THE THUNDER ($.25)
Dibner, Martin- THE DEEP SIX ($.35)
Jennings, John- GENTLEMEN RANKER ($.35)
Oursler, Fulton- THE GREATEST BOOK EVER WRITTEN

POPULAR LIBRARY (Each $.25)

Arnold, Elliott- EVERYBODY SLEPT HERE
Cunningham, Eugene- QUICK TRIGGERS
Denzer, Peter W.- EPISODE
Keller, Dan- FLEE THE NIGHT IN ANGER
Locke, Charles O.- THE LAST PRINCESS
Townsend, Ray- RENEGADE RIVER
Wakeman, Frederic- NAKED TO MY PAST (Formerly *Mandrake Root)*

Eagle Books

Bouma, J.L.- DANGER TRAIL
Burnett, Whit & Hallie-*Eds.*-THE TOUGH ONES

Giant ($.35)

Tilsley, Fran- RAGE TO LOVE (Formerly *The Fortunate Man)*

NON - FICTION

Barometer Falling!

A quick look over the books reported this time indicates that the end of the season pickings in Non-fiction are as uninspiring as in Fiction. There isn't even name pull. Discriminating readers with a taste for intellectual pastime will relish Gilbert Highet's A CLERK OF OXENFORD (Oxford) and THE SELECTED ESSAYS OF WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS (Random House). Otherwise the markets are fairly sharply limited to special subject interest, ranging from Malaya to D. H. Lawrence, from Ballet to TV. Reports follow.

PROBLEMATIC BOOKS

Roosevelt, Eleanor — October 11 — Norton
IT SEEMS TO ME — $2.75

Frankly, it seems to me that only the pulling power of Mrs. Roosevelt's name and her immense popularity warrant the publication of this slim collection of the questions and answers drawn from her magazine department. One has to read through to the wise and great women behind her answers to the queries of troubled people, for the expression of

her response seems rather trite and obvious. The matter falls into topical headings such as: On Growing Up, On Getting Along with People, On Marriage, On Children, On Education, On Religion, On Adversity, On Religion, On Communism, On Foreign Policy, On Gossip, etc.,etc. There are bits of self revelation, bits of insight into personalities, and unfailing courtesy, concern over other's problems, honesty in meeting curiosity often verging on impertinence. But no one could feel that these are great letters, destined to go down as literature. And their value lies, perhaps, in their honest effort to meet simple people on their own ground.

October ~~15~~ 11/3

Reck, Franklin — McGraw-Hill

THE DILWORTH STORY — $3.00

This brief biography forms an encomium to the man who had more to do with developing the Diesel locomotive than any other individual. It gives a colorful picture of Dilworth's background, his history and personality. Most of all it shows the trail of his achievements as he worked on the passenger and freight Diesel locomotives with skill acquired in the Navy, at G. E., and elsewhere without the help of formal education. Definitely limited. (LC: 54-12259)

October 18

Gore, Leroy — Messner

JOE MUST GO — $2.95

Gore became a national figure when he started the McCarthy recall campaign last Spring that failed by just a few thousand signatures- and this is his highly personal record of the efforts and events that influenced his project. Though Mr. Gore is perhaps more emotinally than logically aware of his role as a small town weekly editor (his paper is the *Sauk Prairie Star)* and hence part of the "conscience of America", he comes down to the brass tacks of recall in chapter one- stating its necessity and constitutionality and predicting sure success when the next trial is made after the November elections. His depiction of his own convictions show something of the zeal of a convert. Convinced at first that McCarthy was making an honest effort, Gore soon saw his own and McCarthy's error and points for proof, among other things, to the fact that McCarthy never seemed to catch any of the "communists" he accused. Gradually, anti-McCarthyism grew elsewhere in Wisconsin. Its increase among different social groups is analyzed as it built to the crescendo of the recall movement and Gore's trips to Washington and New York for recognition. Disappointing as the aftermath was when victory has been so near, it nevertheless left Gore with the good aftereffects of national acclaim, and wide support. Definitely newsworthy.

October 22

Touchette, Joseph I. — David McKay

MCKAY'S GUIDE TO AFRICA — $4.00

In this publisher's travel series, some light on the dark continent for the legitimate tourist- not on safari. An introductory briefing on transportation, passports, clothes, costs, leads on to a country by country, city by city preview and precis of climate, customs, hotels, restaurants, shopping, sights to see, travel agencies, food- and water, activities, and residential facilites. No big game to bring back alive, but many small pointers which should increase the comfort of your stay.

October 22

English, William Walters *with* Zolov, Zachary — BASIC BALLET — Random House $7.50

A big, extensive and very well designed book on beginning ballet makes its appeal to all ages and presents qualified instructions for the basic positions, the *battements, developpes, port de bras,* free movement- up to but not including toe dancing. Well known in both the music and the graphic arts world, Mr. English has combined his talents with Mr. Zolov's experience as head of the Metropolitan Opera Ballet and the result is- in text, with many photographs and two 45 rpm records of voice instructions- a fairly complete first course. There is good introductory advice that stresses the importance of starting age (8 for girls and 10 for boys), and of good teaching. Whether the book is meant as a supplement to teaching or as a self teacher- is open to question; its use in either case may be approved or disapproved by those with their own fixed ideas. But for general purpose and an over-all introduction to the art it has its definite value as a very attractive and informative treatment that should stimulate and satisfy a rising interest in ballet. (LC: 53-6927)

October ~~27~~ ~~11/18~~ 12/27

Houston, C. S. & Bates, R. H. — K-2, THE SAVAGE MOUNTAIN — McGraw-Hill ~~$4.75~~ 6 ∞

The story of the assault on K-2 of the Karakoram Range, now the highest unclimbed mountain in the world, emphasizes the spiritual gains of a closeknit expeditionary group in the face of tragedy that took a man's life and denied ascent to the summit. The story of the mountain and preparations for the climb from Kashmir lead to the ascent itself, clearly indicated for all mountaineers to make note. Caught in Camp VIII in storm, the climbers made a terrible forced descent, attempting to bring Art Gilkey, stricken with thrombophlebitis, 9000 feet to Base Camp. A harrowing accident, Gilkey's disappearance and death, and the wounds of the campaigners add up to drama as the descent is recorded. Appendices for the mountaineers include a chronology, discussion of equipment, food, medical problems, finances and transport. The audience is known. (LC: 54-11760)

October 28

Highet, Gilbert — A CLERK OF OXENFORD — Oxford $3.75

Stimulating, provocative, this second volume of essays by the author of *People, Places and Books* challenges the success of the first, and will be welcome to all who enjoy his popular radio program. He divides the material into three sections,- prose, poetry, Imagination and Reality - which permit ample scope for conversation and conjecture. He talks of heroines of historical romance, and using Selinko's Desiree as a model, takes note of whether these heroines conform to actuality or to an accepted pattern. He writes of George Orwell, suggesting that he, while in essense an outcast, yet provided valuable social observations that only an outsider of his peculiar makeup could supply. Now with scholarly half lift of eyebrow, now with easy turn of phrase, Mr. Highet contributes depth to his observations. In thinking of poetry, he restates many old truths:- its rhythmic delight, its power to teach, its expression of the mystic and the religious, its many facets of use. They are as important today as yesterday, as evident in Tennyson as in a Japanese line. Perhaps the most interesting section, dealing with imagination and reality, ranges over a wide variety of topics;- invectives and "kitch" (by which he means his attraction to flossy style); the undersea world and mountain climbing; chess; the crying need we have today for a more basic knowledge of science. A book to be read for pleasure and profit. (LC: 54-10897)

October ??

Greenberg, Sidney- *Ed.* Crown
A TREASURY OF COMFORT $3.00

A collection of much of the finest which has been spoken and written to bring courage and consolation in the face of death is drawn from many sources, Biblical, classical, or popular, and thematically arranged. Time, as it heals, and remembrance as it comforts; the universality of despair and what it can teach us; the ways in which to accept death- and confront sorrow; the recourse to faith in God- etc.,etc. these thoughts, which have found expression in so many different ways, will help to ease this experience for others. (LC: 54-11178)

November 4

Smith, Chard Powers Hermitage House
YANKEES AND GOD $6.50

An intriguing if often irritating book, this is certain to arouse a great deal of interest and considerable controversy. Whether or not this adds up to a substantial market is questionable. The book is continually interesting in its cultural and religious history of some 50 million Americans. It is spiced with keen and often cutting observations on the life and morals of present-day Yankees and their forebears. In style it is an odd blend of ideas usually formulated in the language of *The New York Times* here translated into the lingo of *The Daily News*. Opinion-wise, the author, is fearless in stepping on toes; historians, psychologists, politicians, educators, clergymen, even the man in the street and the woman in the home - all will feel the barbs. Many will disagree with his fundamental division of America into two cultures, Greater New England and the Old South. For the rest, he feels they can be bypassed because of the hybrid nature of their culture. Others will protest both his definition of Puritanism and his defense of it. The old Puritan culture, he feels, has reached its nadir. Historically he divides his review into four periods:- The World of Cosmos- 1630-1700; The World of Man- 1700-1800; The World of Men-1800-1900; The World of Me- 1900-1960. And surprisingly, almost irrelevantly, he suggests at the close, as a way out, a synthesis of Christianity and Buddhism. For a lay rather than a religious market. (LC: 54-11978)

November 5

Williams, William Carlos Random House
THE SELECTED ESSAYS OF WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS $4.50

* A selection from Dr. Williams' published and unpublished prose writings once again indicates the extraordinary range of his literary genius as it developed over three decades, and his interests as they embrace the arts in America and abroad. Diverse as Williams' subjects and styles may be, they continually fascinate. Perhaps it is through their very diversity that they do, Music, poetry, painting, prose- in each field Williams is at home. Take the contrast between two essays. One is a conversation piece on the painting of Tchelitchew, whose studio he visited. It is a record of an afternoon's talk, and from it emerges the sharp contrast between delicacy and monstrosity that is Tchelitchew. A second is a critical essay on the poetry of Lorca, who died of fascist bullets. It develops as a treatise on Spanish literature, the Iberian tradition that stemmed from the romance of the Cid and found its further expression in Lorca too. Among the contemporaries Williams scrutinizes are Dylan Thomas, Marianne Moore, Carl Sandburg, Cummings, Shapiro and the musician Antheil. Further essays record his thinking on criticism, on art and society in relation to each other. And in all there is a fresh note, a sense of individual scholarliness.

November 10

Brinkley, William — Farrar, Straus & Young

THE DELIVERANCE OF SISTER CECILIA — $3.75

This story which Sister Cecilia told to William Brinkley (and there can be little doubt that he has done little to change its character) appeared in shorter form in *Life* and here is a fuller account of her escape from Communist occupied and oppressed Czechoslovakia. Farm born, Sister Cecilia changed places with her brother and secured a convent schooling with the Ursulines- later joined another and less restrictive convent for the six year probationary period preceding her final vows. For seventeen years she taught kindergarten with a happy dedication to her children as well as her faith, until in 1948 the Communists closed the convent schools, put the nuns to work in fields or factories, and eventually sent Sister Cecilia into the underground. The threat of arrest forced her to exchange her habit for ski pants, and at first refusing to leave her country, she went into hiding- moved out of the city. Still on the wanted list, she was finally persuaded by a priest to leave, and made the last journey across the border with its attendant fear and danger.... The courage which is by no means blind, the simplicity which is free of severity, the steady faith-gives her story a special quality. (LC: 54-11973)

November 15

Holdredge, Helen — Putnam

MAMMY PLEASANT'S PARTNER — $4.50

The author of *Mammy Pleasant* (see report on P. 650 - in Service for 1953) has quite obviously felt that the mass of material accumulated - in her research on the notoriously successful Madame of San Francisco's boisterous days - on her chief associate, who called himself Thomas Bell, rated another book. Frankly, it reads like a mass of half digested material. True- those were days when fortunes spiralled- up and down; when banking kings yielded supremacy to railroad kings. But others have used this fantastic era to better advantage. Thomas Bell could have been identified with each of the boom periods; but primarily he rated as a quicksilver king, for it was in the weird history of the quicksilver mines that he made his name. He was almost as devious and not as clever as his mistress; she used him- helped his rise- did little to prevent his fall, but remained, through many years, the dominant influence in his life. Take this for a feverish tale of a fabulous city. The plethora of names and incidents never become fully integrated, and the biography remains a superficial assortment of notes, tapping a rich vein of gilded and at the same time sordid history.

November 17

Miller, Harry — Praeger

COMMUNIST MENACE IN MALAYA — $3.50

A comprehensive and rewarding picture of the Malayan situation deals with the many components of the war in specific terms. Mr. Miller at once follows the battle of the Communists and the Government to win the population chronologically and thematically. He begins with the 1948 proclamation of "Emergency" and carries it down the line to the end of General Templer's administration. The chief figures on either side emerge as part of the story of action and counteraction, and such incidents as Sir Henry Gurney's death by ambush are relegated to their status. Perhaps most informative are the facts and interpretations on the important Chinese, caught between fears of Red China and their Malayan homeland; the strategic use of the aborigines with whom the Communists can control the jungle and provide a longterm threat despite the resettlement of squatters and other measures that have cut off food supplies from the terrorists, whose new line is less terror and more urban movements. A newspaperman's report already published in Britain, this has an air of moderation and expertness that cannot fail to impress and enlighten.

November 18

Beech, Keyes — Doubleday
TOKYO AND POINTS EAST — $3.75

The personal document of the man who covered the Korean War for the *Chicago News* (he is a Far East veteran with Iwo and Tarawa coverage to his credit) is a mixture of immediate experience and considered interpretation. Keyes Beech was in Tokyo taking a close-up view of the Occupation and MacArthur when the Land-of-the-Morning-Calm exploded. His coverage in Korea reviews the sad history of a nation "geopolitically doomed to war", relates numerous near-escapes and runs in and out of restless Seoul, comments quite vigorously on Maggie Higgins and her feud with Homer Bigart for the *Herald Trib*, includes an interview with a returned BW Boy who confessed to germ warfare, and points up the cease-fire of Panmunjam. Frank and freewheeling, this gives a view of a correspondent's mind and heart. Introduction by James Michener. (LC: 54-11159)

Wylie, Max — Funk & Wagnalls
CLEAR CHANNELS — $4.00

An aggressive retort to much of the loose and presumptive criticism which has been levelled at television acknowledges that much of its great potential is still to be upgraded to the public's needs- but faces the more realistic fact that it is suiting popular enthusiasms- tasteless as they may be. What is happening to baseball? (it has not suffered); to reading? (more people are reading even if fewer books are *bought)*; to politics? (and the McCarthy and Kefauver hearings have proved that television is the "most accurate and impersonal editorial on man's conduct" that exists today); to delinquency? (this is a problem for which no external medium can be held responsible). The basic problem here which Mr. Wylie tries to adjust and adjudicate to some extent is the use and increase of educational programs; here there is not only the need to reconcile the educators- and the networks- and establish a common ground, to present programs on a simple and regular basis through stimulating speakers and sources, but also to restrain highbrow notions of imposing "culture" on an unready and for the most part uninterested audience. The industry's interest in public health, its moral obligations in the present cancer-cigarette scuffle, all this concludes an argument which is based on researched facts as well as reasoned opinions, and which is presented with style and spirit. (LC: 54-9743)

Mockridge, Norton & Prall, Robert — Henry Holt
THE BIG FIX — $3.50

Report repeated from the April 15th bulletin, when scheduled for summer publication, as follows: "Two newspaper reporters exhume and examine disreputable affiliations between city politics and crime which formed the twelve million dollar a year bookmaking combine which Harry Gross operated on a direct pipeline to City Hall. And while Gross' career, from a delinquent boyhood in Brooklyn to the vast enterprise he built, is the shabby product of city corruption and protection, O'Dwyer, in his offices as D.A. and Mayor, is perhaps the real criminal and a 'melancholy essay on political morality'. While Miles McDonald, the new D.A., who pushed the investigation without fear or favor, is the only man of distinction in this story which ends with the arrest of Gross, the clean-up of the police force, and O'Dwyer's forced exodus to Mexico.... An aggressive, and in a sense, exhaustive review of an old news beat with doubtful current interest."

November 20

Duvall, Dr. Evelyn Millis — Association Press

IN-LAWS: PRO AND CON — $3.95

Well- unless you marry an orphaned only child- you've got them, and the chances are that you'll be one- so for that wide potential Dr. Duvall has assembled her own statistics based on a pilot study and some extensive interviewing. The results here, when analysed, would refute the prejude and prejudgment of most stereotypes, and while there are some common belittling-to-bitter complaints, there are even more compliments. Attitudes toward mothers in-law (women rather than men are resentful) and how it feels to be one; towards other members of the family; the changes in our society (and the smaller living units) and resultant changes in conventions; how to be an in-law- and how to become a better one, all this is part of a study which uses a basis of facts for prevalent feelings, and ill-feelings, and that also makes its recommendations for happier group living. Lightly illustrated and thoroughly indexed.

November 23

Bluemel, C. S. — Macmillan

PSYCHIATRY AND COMMON SENSE — $3.50

This book is directed to the informed layman. It may help as well the general physician who comes into contact with people whose organization is defective. In it a psychiatrist presents an over-all view of the disorders to which psychiatry applies. He writes in terms of dis-organization and non-organization of the personality, inborn and acquired responses, high and low tolerance to the events of living. He considers the physical symptoms of the psychoneurotic in detail and describes emotional disorders including psychoses, alcoholism,the psychopathic personality. The last part of the book is devoted to the concept of reorganization of personality in general terms applied to the needs of the individual in society. Clearly stated, with the terminology explained, this concerns itself more with the actualities of illness than with the causes behind the defective organization. For instance, while psychoanalysis is mentioned as a therapy, there is no definite reference to psychoanalytic theory or theorists. There is little discussion of the neurotic personality aside from the area of hypochondria. A helpful book in a confusing field of medicine.

November 29

Gruening, Ernest — Random House

THE STATE OF ALASKA — $7.50

This brings the territory into clear focus as an overlooked yet potentially resourceful land and a curious political child our government hasn't properly reared. For many years governor of Alaska, Mr. Gruening has come to know the history and economy of the territory well enough to write of it definitively, and in his excellent and well researched chronology, traces Alaskan history from Bering's discovery to the present struggle for statehood. Always, his discussion is even tempered, adhering closely to recorded history and the documents from which he reconstructs. Interesting material about the discovery voyages, and the passages on Stellar, the naturalist and the first man to record Alaska for western eyes, set a high standard of historical writing. One hundred and twenty-six years of Russian occupation preceded "Seward's Folly" and the following eras of no government and flagrant neglect were the political facts that set their discouraging precedents. Later the Organic Acts, periods of mild but enlightened interest and events like the Klondike gold rush did their bit towards settlement and self government for the "last frontier". Though following years saw regressions towards indifference, mismanagement, underproductiveness and the resultant ills of remote control from Washington, there followed the upsurge of economic development that came with the New Deal and WWII and the

present encouraging though wary-eyed prospects. A scholar's study and a fine reference volume, this may have its added sales as a portrait of a newsworthy part of our country. (LC: 54-7799)

December 3

Ickes, Harold L. Simon & Schuster
THE LOWERING CLOUDS: 1939-41 $6.00

Volume III of the *Secret Diary* starts with September 1939 and a not too pretty picture of the scene behind the official front in Washington Cabinet circles. Backbiting, jealousy, jockeying for power, dickering for appointments- this seemed the order of the day. Throughout the 26 months covered in this volume, there is little to raise the sights. It was a period that encompassed the presidential election of 1940, the fight against Willkie, and the much more bitter fight within the ranks over Wallace. During these months, Ickes resented the weakening of the Department of the Interior, battled continually for the transfer to the Department of the forestry service, and as the clouds of war grew heavier, aimed higher still, to secure directorship of coordinated power agencies,- hard fuels, petroleum, power. He resigned at intervals, but was always reappointed. He reveals misconceptions in Washington both as to German power (too little) and French and British power (too much). The diary will be read primarily for the pungent epithets, the quips, the personality bits, the characterizations of those he disliked (and they were many, from Hopkins and Wallace to Dies and Dewey). Factually, this adds little that is newsworthy; on the score of interpretation, it adds nothing. A highly personal running commentary, over-detailed for today's reader.

Three That Are Published

Dorr, Nell Harper
MOTHER AND CHILD $4.50

Exquisitely beautiful photographs accompanied by an equally beautiful text constitute Nell Dorr's loving and humble tribute to motherhood and childhood. The pictures are of Nell Dorr's own children, grandchildren and god-children, taken in the setting of her own home and grounds, and testifying to a loving appreciation of the beauty of nature and human life. An established artist in photography and motion pictures, the wife of an internationally known scientist and inventor, Mrs. Dorr has given us a book that will grace any home, and the publishers have provided a format that is a work of art. A welcome gift book for mothers. Heartily recommended.

Lhote, Andre Praeger
THEORY OF FIGURE PAINTING $7.50

Already well-established in France, this American edition, in excellent translation by W. J. Strachan, brings us fine art criticism and analysis from the technical and philosophical points of view. A painter himself, Lhote has spent a lifetime teaching and studying art. His treatise comprises a series of essays and a collection of annotated plates, a few in color, many in excellent black and white reproductions, that illustrate salient points of his central theme, "deciphering the pictorial message". It is a wide ranging discussion. He talks of the aspects of painting, its profound demand on the intellect, of tradition's importance, of the technical aspects-modelling, drawing, the sketch, modulation and flat surface painting. These are the elements of composition, the rational coordination of the greater or lesser artistic qualities which can be achieved through rhythm, distortion, perspective, colour. Interesting parallels and comparisons are drawn from periods in art history from ancient Egypt to the present. Lhote's main interest lies in the break formed by the Impressionists, particularly by Gauguin whose work showed "syntheses pushed to logical extremes" and who did most to rediscover the primitive. A book that demands attention from serious amateurs and students alike.

Groth-Kimball, I. & Feuchtwanger, F. Vanguard
THE ART OF ANCIENT MEXICO $12.50

A learned and exquisitely photographed survey accomplishes for Mexican art what Heinrich Ubbelohde-Doering's *Art of Ancient Peru* (Praeger-1952) did for the Incan and earlier Andean civilizations. Between photographs and text there is the life-art relationship of the Mexican cultures from the earliest known, Tlatilco and the pre-classic societies dating from 1000 BC, to the brief flowering Aztec dominance before the Spanish conquest. With difficult but lucid scholarship, Mr. Feuchtwanger progresses with assurance through the complexities of the Mexican. Convinced that development came from within, outgrowth of earliest migrations and contacts, he argues against Egyptian or Asian influence. Mayan pyramids differed radically, for example, and were used for worship rather than burial purposes. From 6000 BC there are clues to mammoth hunting; from 2000 BC indications of the use of ceramics and of maize. The recent Olmec discoveries shed light on pre-classical cultural followed by the classical Teotihuacan, on to the Mayan. Probable Mayan tribal wars and Aztec-Toltec conquest led into the final pre-Spanish conquest period. A valuable study. Four of the 100 odd plates are in color. (LC: 54-11513)

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661 Davidman, Joy - SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN (Westminster)
We apologize to Joy Davidman who is a woman - and *not* a minister. Her publisher gently rebuked us (quite justifiably) and told us that she was formerly of the Jewish faith and became a Christian several years ago. That this book was written out of the new understanding of the Ten Commandments which she experiences as part of her spiritual development. The book is written by a layman- for laymen... (Though we still feel it has great value for ministers.)

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RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT

Edited by Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth D. Miller

Bays, Alice Anderson — Abingdon
WORSHIP SERVICES FOR TEEN AGERS — $3.00

Leaders of young people's groups in churches will find much useful material for their worship services in this book. It has been compiled on the basis of the author's experiences with young people in churches, camps and summer assemblies. In each of the 37 worship services there are suggested hymns, prayers, Scripture readings and a story all related to one central theme. The greater part of the services are intended for High School age young people or for young adults. However there are ten services planned for the Junior High School group. The services are arranged topically with one section for special occasions. (10/11)

Buttrick, George A. *et al Eds.* — Abingdon
THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE Vol. III — $8.75

The seventh to appear in this twelve volume commentary on the Bible, Volume III covers a great deal of territory, dealing as it does with eight Old Testament books: I & II *Kings*, I & II *Chronicles*, *Ezra*, *Nehemiah*, *Esther* and *Job*. Some of the books included are not often read and do not seem to provide a very fertile field for cultivation either for the reader seeking inspiration or for the preacher looking for sermon material. But handled by masters of the pulpit such as Ralph Sockman, Raymond Calkins, Charles W. Gilkey and Arthur C. Lichtenberg even these books, in spots at least, come alive. Favorite books such as *Esther* and *Job* are treated expertly by exegists and expositors alike so that new insights and provocative interpretations are made available. As in the other volumes each book has a brief introduction, and the text, given in the Authorized Version and in the Revised Version, is subjected to analysis by Biblical scholars and exposition by preachers. A distinguished group of American and British scholars have collaborated to produce this volume. They are: Principal Norman H. Snaith of Wesley College, England (Introduction and Exegesis of I & II *Kings*); Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York (Exposition- I *Kings*); Dr. Raymond Calkins of Cambridge, Mass. (Exposition-II *Kings*); Principal W.A.L. Elmslie of West College, Cambridge, England (Introduction, Exegesis and Exposition of I & II *Chronicles*); Professor Raymond A. Bowman of the University of Chicago (Introduction and Exegesis of *Ezra* and *Nehemiah*); Dr. Charles W. Gilkey of Chicago (Exposition of *Ezra* and *Nehemiah*); Dean Bernhard W. Anderson of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. (Introduction and Exegesis of *Esther*); Bishop Arthur C. Lichtenberger of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (Exposition of *Esther*); Professor Samuel Terrien of Union Theological Seminary, New York (Introduction and Exegesis of *Job*, and Professor Paul Scherer of Union Seminary (Exposition of *Job*). The high quality of scholarly interpretation made available to Bible students makes this and the other volumes of *The Interpreter's Bible* an indispensable reference book. (Publ. LC: 51-12276)

Wilson, Dorothy Clarke — Abingdon

FLY WITH ME TO INDIA — $2.00

The foreign mission study topic for all the Protestant churches during 1954-55 is "India, Pakistan and Ceylon". No group will study those countries and the missionary opportunities there more assiduously than the women of the Methodist Church. They have a marvelous organization which reaches down into every local Methodist church. The Methodists will see to it that their women secure the study books and use them. More than that, they are supplementing the material prepared interdenominationally with books and pamphlets telling what their own denomination is doing. Dorothy Clarke Wilson was sent to India to gather material for the story of what the Methodists are doing in that country. This she has done in the form of a diary of her trip with each day's entry telling of the personalities she encountered, the institutions visited and the impressions received. It is a missionary travelogue. You may be sure that thousands of Methodist women will fly with the author to India. But others are apt to stay on the ground, for this is strictly a denominational presentation. (11/8. LC: 54-11659)

Morton, T. Ralph — Association Press

COMMUNITY OF FAITH — $2.50

All who are interested in imaginative experiments in relating the program of the Protestant Church to the radically changed pattern of life today are familiar with the Iona Community in Scotland. This book issues out of the author's association with the Iona Community and reflects the working philosophy of that group. After rehearsing the reactions of the Church to changed conditions throughout its history, Ralph Morton takes the position that the world of today calls for a pattern of living on the part of Christians in which economic discipline should have a prominent place. He holds that the character of a man's life is determined by the way he uses his money and that in a Christian fellowship that can no longer be the private business of each individual. In a separate chapter John O. Nelson quite pertinently raises the question as to whether the particular pattern of Iona is applicable to Christians in America. He rather favors a congregation-centered group voluntarily assuming a rigorous order of discipline. The present mood of American Christians is not such as to provide fertile soil for the sowing of this kind of seed, so one can expect that no great stir will be made by this book, no matter how much attention its basic message really deserves. (10/1)

Anonymous — Harper

THE WAY OF A PILGRIM — $2.75

Translated from the Russian by R. M. French

D.B. * Searchers for the deeper meanings of prayer should rejoice that this unusual book is now made available for American readers. It is the chronicle of the spiritual pilgrimage of a simple and sincere Russian who a hundred years ago set out to discover what was meant by "pray without ceasing" and how one could obey that command. The story of this unidentified pilgrim's journey throughout Russia and Siberia and his observations on the places and people he encounters on the way is of itself interesting. But the story of the pilgrim's spiritual journey during which he learns and practices a way of praying is the justification for its publication. The original Russian manuscript first came to light in the monastery of Mt. Athos and was first published in Russian in 1884 and first translated and published in England in 1930. This later English edition (1952) is reproduced in this volume. This may very well develop into a devotional classic like *The Cloud of Unknowing*. (11/3)

Conn, Howard Harper
THE HOPE THAT SETS MEN FREE $2.50

The meeting of the World Council of Churches at Evanston introduced to the average American the word "eschatology" and induced the Christians among them to think again of the basis for their hope as believing men and women. This discussion of our hope is therefore timely; it is also helpful. The author first discusses the hopes by which men ordinarily keep going; their instinctive look ahead into the future, their reliance upon science, education and the progress already made by the human race. All of these Conn finds insufficient for our age of despair and turns to Jesus for a more enduring basis for our hope. The bearing of the Christian message upon our life he then points up as he discusses "Hope in Despair", "Hope for a Better World", "Hope of a Future Life" and "Living by our Hopes instead of our Fears". Not long on theology but a book that will be of great practical help to bewildered souls. (10/20. LC: 54-9653)

Jenkins, Daniel Harper
CONGREGATIONALISM: *A Restatement* $2.00

The author of this book is the pastor of the Oxted Congregational Church, Surrey, England, but he is better known in this country for his three months of lecturing on "Ecumenical Theology" at Chicago Theological Seminary each year, and for his books which have been published in this country. With the growth of the ecumenical movement the question of the relation to it of the various Protestant denominations inevitably arises. This is a careful re-examination of the essential genius of Congregationalism with a view to determining what is its distinctive contribution to world Christianity. Such a study is particularly timely inasmuch as voices from within the Congregational fold have been raised expressing the fear that the independence and freedom of Congregational churches are imperilled by the ecumenical movement. The author does not believe that such fears are justified, but nevertheless he takes the position that Congregationalists should be more acutely aware of the nature of their traditions and basic principles of their denomination. Of particular interest to Congregationalists and those involved in the ecumenical movement. (Publ.)

Nida, Eugene A. Harper
CUSTOMS AND CULTURES $4.00

This volume, subtitled "Anthropology of Christian Missions", is a *must* for those engaged in or preparing for foreign missionary work. It also provides intensely interesting and informative reading for all who are concerned with the problems of inter-cultural relations. The author makes available to his readers the findings and insights of the science of anthropology as aids to a sympathetic understanding of peoples of a different culture from their own. The book handles in detail and with copious illustrations the differing customs and beliefs affecting manners, the conception of marriage and family life, the varied beliefs in and reaction to the supernatural, and the difficulties in communicating a message in a radically different language. Out of the writer's personal observation of missionary work throughout the world he knows that good missionaries recognize that "the various ways of life of different people are the channels by which their needs take form and through which the solutions to such needs must pass". On the other hand, he knows that all too many missionaries carry to the foreign field a distorted view of race and progress, culture and civilization. It is to correct these faulty points of view and to buttress sound-thinking missionaries by the findings of anthropologists that this book is written. An extensive bibliography and a more technical guide for thoughtful students of the relation of anthropology to the missions' effort add much to the value of the book. (10/20. LC: 54-8976)

Thurman, Howard — Harper

CREATIVE ENCOUNTER — $2.00

Now at Boston University, Howard Thurman is gaining increasing recognition as one of the most influential leaders in American Protestantism. And this on two counts. First, he is one of an increasing number of people who find the essence of religion in meditation and prayer, and he is a much sought-after guide to the innermost recesses of the religious life. Second, Thurman is an exponent of the principle of inclusiveness in the Church and has put that principle to work as the pastor of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco. These two major interests of Howard Thurman are interwoven in this volume, which is based on lectures delivered at Ohio Wesleyan University. He interprets the meaning of religious experience as a confrontation with God. There follows an examination of the total effect of such an experience upon the complete life of the individual both as a private person and as a member of society. The inwardness and the outwardness of religious experience are equally stressed. Thurman is not always easily read. His message plumbs the deep things of the spirit and the reader often has to dig for them. But it is worth the effort, for Thurman has opened the way for many people to a creative encounter with God. (11/3. LC: 54-11664)

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Wilder, Amos N. — Harper

OTHERWORLDLINESS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT — $1.75

Professor Wilder of the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago has given us a brilliantly written re-examination of the New Testament faith. He is concerned on the one hand to deal with the charge of our secularistic "Philistines" that the Christian religion is escapist, and, on the other hand, to point out the danger that modern theological trends might justify just such a contention. Wilder does not confine his discussion of otherworldiness to the emphasis upon the hope of heaven as the Christian's main incentive. Rather he deals with all tendencies in present-day Christianity which make the Gospel seem irrelevant, and pleads for such a presentation of the Christian message as will hit people where they live. A vigorous plea for a modified liberalism and a caveat in respect to a "neo-orthodoxy" which is more orthodox than new. A book for theologians and ministers and others who are abreast of contemporary trends in Protestant religious thought. (11/17. LC: 54-11661)

Biddle, W. Earl — Macmillan

INTEGRATION OF RELIGION AND PSYCHIATRY — $4.50

This is a carefully worded, scientific discussion of the relation between religion and psychiatry. It is written from the standpoint of a psychiatrist who recognizes the validity of religious faith and the necessity of arriving at a basis on which both may work together and complement each other. The author discusses the common ground occupied by religion and psychiatry, as well as the difficulties which present themselves in trying to arrive at a basis for cooperation. The main body of the book consists of a discussion of why and how the problems of individuals are of concern both to the psychiatrist and to the clergyman. In view of the interest in this subject on the part of churchmen to whom personal counselling and an alliance with psychiatrists are of vital import, there should be considerable interest in this book in Protestant church circles. (11/23) 1/18

Reeves, James- *Ed.* — Messner

THE HOLY BIBLE IN BRIEF — $4.00

Many attempts have been made to make the Bible more readable for today's reader. This condensation and re-ordering of the Biblical material has much to recommend it and is, perhaps, more successful than most. The passages essential to the historical chronology and understanding of the Biblical message of the self-revelation of God through

Israel and and through Jesus and his followers are for the most part included. One misses many of the favorite stories, whole sections which amplify one's human understanding, some of the most often quoted parts of the prophets, and so on. But for the space allowed, the selections have been well made. The material is arranged in four parts:- (1) The Story of the Hebrew People; (2) Hebrew Literature; (3) Jesus of Nazareth; (4) The Early Christians. The text is the King James version. A closing chapter deals with the origin, purpose and use of the Bible. Finally, an index-concordance will assist location of familiar passages and references to persons and incidents in both Old and New Testaments. The book is designed to be used by people of both Jewish and Christian faiths. (Publ. LC: 54-10593)

Blackburn, E. A. *et al Eds.* Oxford
A TREASURY OF THE KINGDOM $3.50

D.R. This "anthology of readings to bring home the eternal nature of the Christian message" is well done and will appeal to many either for inspirational reading or for reference. It includes selections from Plato, Augustine, Thomas a Kempis, Shakespeare, George Fox, Martin Luther, John Keats, Abraham Lincoln, Rabindranath Tagore, Arnold Toynbee, Albert Schweitzer and Feodor Dostoevsky- surely a varied fare. The passages included are short, seldom more than a page in length, suitable for occasional or regular devotional reading. The editors were headed by E. A. Blackburn, an English schoolteacher. (Publ. LC: 54-10012)

Berdyaev, Nicolas Philosophical Library
CHRISTIANITY AND ANTI-SEMITISM $2.75

The great Russian philosopher, Berdyaev, like Kierkegaard, Dostoevski and others, is a much more influential figure now than he was during his life-time. Consequently, we are finding many of his works being translated into English and numerous articles and books being written in interpretation of his thought. This essay was written in 1940 before the Nazi anti-semitic drive gathered full steam, and is therefore in a sense out-dated. But the approach of Berdyaev to this question is timeless, and greatly needs to be made clear in America where there is more anti-semitic sentiment than we like to believe. Berdyaev's position is that anti-semitism is not eliminated by political, economic, sociological or psychological approaches. Nor are resolutions passed by ecclesiastical assemblages sufficient. He believes that prejudice against and hatred of the Jews as individuals or as a group can be cast out of our life only by a deep personal religious experience on the part of individual Christians. Accordingly, anti-semitism is not a social problem but a personal problem to be solved by each one of us. Well worth the thoughtful consideration of many readers. (10/25)

Heschel, Abraham J. Scribner
MAN'S QUEST FOR GOD $3.50

D.R. One of America's great Jewish leaders has brought together in this volume a series of treatises on prayer. They are aimed directly at Jewish readers as the interpretation given is always in the light of the Jewish faith, traditions and ceremonies. He reminds his readers that "The Jew does not stand alone before God; it is as a member of the community that he stands before God. Our relation is not as an *I* to a *Thou*, but as a *We* to a *Thou*". The philosophy and techniques of prayer are discussed under the headings: "The Inner World", "The Person and the Word", "Spontaneity the Goal", "Continuity is the Way", "The Use of Symbols and Ceremonies" and "The Meaning of this Hour". Very thoughtful and deeply spiritual messages. (10/27. LC: 54-10371)

Farrow, John Sheed & Ward

THE STORY OF THOMAS MORE $3.50

When dealing with such an interesting historical personage as Sir Thomas More even an indifferently written book such as this makes good reading. The author disclaims any pretense of writing a biography, but attempts only "to tell a story in general terms of a man and his friends and his enemies, his time and circumstance". The picture drawn of the English statesman, humanist, poet and author is a sympathetic one. Much is made of his friendship with Erasmus and of his literary work, of which his *Utopia* is the best known. But, quite naturally, the bulk of the book deals with More's relationship with Henry VIII under whom he served as Lord Chancellor, succeeding Cardinal Wolsey. He was deeply involved in the long drawn-out struggle of Henry to get rid of Queen Catherine of Aragon in order that he might marry Anne Boleyn. Staunch Catholic that he was, More found this difficult enough to stomach, but he absolutely drew the line at taking the oath to the Act of Supremacy acknowledging the King to be the chief authority over the English Church as against the Pope. For this refusal More was beheaded. A good picture of the unusual human qualities of the man is drawn. Not all will agree with the author's estimate of More's political career. (10/20. LC:54-11147)

Roberts, T. D. SJ Sheed & Ward

BLACK POPES $2.50

Authority: Its Use and Abuse

As a member of the Jesuit Order and for years the Catholic Archbishop of Bombay the author is well qualified to write of Catholic authority and power. His book was prompted, we feel sure, by attacks on Catholic authoritarianism such as Blanchard's *American Freedom and Catholic Power*. The issues raised are faced frankly and answered, often in an ironic spirit. He admits the dangers in authoritarianism and acknowledges that many Catholic priests have succumbed to the danger. He quotes frequently Lord Acton's dictum: "All power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely". But he defends vigorously the Catholic position that authority and obedience are necessary inside and outside the Church. But power must be responsible; authority must not be merely asserted and enforced; obedience must be intelligent, not blind or servile. Obedience for the Catholic is to God in whom rests final power and authority. Both order and freedom are essential and, he believes, guaranteed in the Catholic system. A book which deserves wide reading by both Catholics and non-Catholics, who are concerned with the relation of Catholic power and authority to democratic principles. (9/29. LC: 54-11141)

Sheed, F.J.- *Ed.* Sheed & Ward

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